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Gold Coast Villas breaks ground on the new clubhouse



A toast to the groundbreaking on the clubhouse



Beni and Valdat Alajbegu, first to move into Gold Coast Villas



Gold Coast Managing Director Fito Croes



Homeowner Beni and Rudy Croes take the helm

Gold Coast Director Fito Croes, with siblings and shareholders Rudy and Mayrin at his side, proudly welcomed Aruba's Minister of Justice and Education, Arthur Dowers, along with local dignitaries, media, stakeholders and homeowners for the long-anticipated

Thursday evening, June 9.

Gold Coast, when completed, will consist of 270 townhomes, villas and condominiums in a secure, elegantly landscaped environment with all the amenities of top resorts. Developers stated they consider the clubhouse the "Jewel

ground-breaking for the clubhouse at the exclusive gated community on

in the Crown" of this highly successful project, which has attracted vacation home buyers from around the globe.

Gold Coast originally broke ground in 2006, and since then has built 38 homes per year, for a total of 157, and delivered the keys to 138 owners. The facility already sports 2 swimming pools; the clubhouse will contain the 3rd and largest, a man made lagoon with a beach style salt water pool. Also contained within the clubhouse will be a fitness cen-

ter, convenience/logo store, business center, meeting rooms, spa, 2 tennis courts, various sun decks, play areas and gardens on 9000 square meters. The concierge and rental offices will be moved into the clubhouse upon completion, which is expected to be late 2012 or early in 2013.

"Clients purchasing at Gold Coast are getting more than a

house for their investment," Mr. Croes told the gathering, "they are joining a vacation community with superlative amenities; the clubhouse, we have always felt, will be the nucleus of this resort home experience."

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official groundbreaking



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Colombia signs landmark conflict reparations bill

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) - Colombia yesterday approved a landmark bill to compensate millions of victims of the country's decades of armed conflict at a signing ceremony attended by the UN secretary-general.

The law sets compensation for an estimated four million victims of armed conflict going back to 1985 and the restoration of land taken over by armed groups since 1991 to some 400,000 families.

"This law, if applied correctly, will change the face of Colombia. It will allow us to heal wounds that have accumulated over decades," President Juan Manuel Santos said ahead of a signing ceremony.

The law applies to crimes committed by the FARC and a smaller leftist guerrilla group, together composed of around 10,000 militants.

It also applies to the army

and some 16,000 right-wing paramilitary fighters.

The United Nations has praised the law, which it "hopes will relieve the suffering of millions of victims of conflict, making peace and reconciliation possible," said local UN human rights official Christian Salazar.

But he warned that Colombia faced "great challenges" in implementing the measures, particularly with regard to land restoration, which could face violent opposition by armed groups.

At least 10 land restoration activists have been killed since the plan was first proposed in September, and the United Nations has urged the government to step up security where disputes are likely, particularly in the northwest.

"The violence is going to

increase. These criminal gangs will react to the restitution of land," conflict specialist Ariel Avila said.

The leftist opposition has meanwhile complained that the law does not cover victims of criminal gangs, which include ex-paramilitary fighters and were responsible for 47 percent of murders in 2010.

In 2005, Colombia began granting partial amnesty to former right-wing militants who confessed to their crimes, but analysts said this is the first bill to specifically address victims.

Colombia has been gripped by armed conflict for nearly 50 years, mainly orchestrated by the leftist FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), which has been at war with Bogota since its founding in 1964.

Mladic lawyer 'wants more time' in warcrimes case

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Former Bosnian Serb army chief Ratko Mladic's lawyer asked the UN war crimes court yesterday to give him more time to prepare a response after prosecutors asked judges to stop the attorney from talking to the public and the press.

"The Duty Council seeks a decision from the Trial Chamber... to grant a two week extension of time for filing a response to the 'Prosecution's motion for Protective Measures for Victims and Witnesses and Documentary Evidence,'" Aleksandar Aleksic said in papers filed before court.

The prosecutor's office at The Hague-based International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) filed a motion to ask the court at Mladic's first appearance last

week to stop Aleksic from speaking to the public and the media.

"The Defence should be prohibited from disclosing to the public material disclosed to it by the Prosecution," the June 3 motion said of Aleksic, Mladic's court-appointed defence council.

"The prosecution does not provide this information so it can be provided to the public and the media," it added, saying public disclosure of the information could compromise the security of victims and witnesses.

Court spokeswoman Nermia Jelacic could not comment Friday on the reasons why the original motion was filed, but confirmed a decision by a three-judge bench was expected soon.

Britain 'in drought conditions' amid European heatwave



UNITED KINGDOM, Lamberhurst : A boat sits next to the edge of Bewl Water, in Lamberhurst, south-east England. Britain yesterday declared a drought in an eastern region of the country following one of the driest springs for a century, warning farmers faced major problems because of the lack of rain. Parts of East Anglia, a region where farming is a major sector, were now officially in drought, said the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

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Chilean volcano ash causes more travel disruption

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AFP) - Flights from major airports across a large section of south America were canceled yesterday as ash from Chile's Puyehue volcano spread across the region, nearly one week after the volcano erupted for the first time in half a century.

Flights from airports in Buenos Aires, Montevideo, and southern Brazilian cities were grounded due to clouds of ash high in the sky.

It was the second straight day that flights were canceled out of Montevideo and Buenos Aires, a major regional transportation hub.

Argentine authorities were hoping the ash cloud will have passed above Buenos Aires late Friday, and that some flights could resume early

today. However most southern air terminals will remain closed "until the weather situation improves," officials said.

Yesterday, the ash cloud was above Rio Grande do Sul state, sailing between 7,000 and 10,000 meters (23,000 and 33,000 feet) above the ground, Brazilian aviation officials said.

"If the current weather pattern continues the cloud will likely head over the Atlantic Ocean," the officials said in a statement.

Airports in the Brazilian cities of Porto Alegre, Curitiba and Florianopolis were open, but "the airline companies decided to not fly for security reasons due to the volcanic ash," a spokesperson for the government airport authority Infraero told AFP.

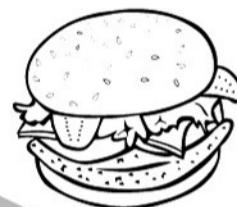
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Immobility forms greatest risk of mortality



World Health Organization's leader of the team for the prevention of chronic diseases and the promotion of health, Dr. Godfrey Xuereb, remarked that 1.5 billion adults worldwide are not sufficiently active. Furthermore, the lack of sufficient mobility is one the greatest risks for mortality worldwide, according to Xuereb.

The world situation, and particularly in the American continent is extremely pre-

rious as was emphasized by the delegates of PAHO attended the obesity conference here in Aruba. Their extreme concern is evidenced in their determination to create an integral program to combat obesity.

During the presentation of the theme: "Physical Activity: recreation and transportation." Dr. Xuereb, Guillermo Penaloza of Canada, Lucia Yolanda Alonso of Mexico, Sam Ramsamy of the Inter-

national Olympic Committee and Enrique Jacoby of PAHO illustrated how and what can motivate people to become more active, to get people to move and exercise more. They presented projects that are attractive and fun that people can practice to get them moving.

One after the other the experts emphasized the importance of physical activity. Activities such as Aruba's Ciclovía (now called ArubActivo).

This type of activity does not require any special infrastructure, simply close off roads for a few hours and invite people to cycle, walk, run and engage in aerobics on the street, according to Canadian physical activity expert Gil Penalosa.

In Aruba, once every month we hold the ArubActivo street event. Representatives of different athletic organizations, dance and exercise groups are invited to pro-

mote their activities and thus motivate people to participate in such groups for regular movement and exercise.

It has been proven that 150 minutes of exercise per week for persons 18 to 64 years of age is enough to make a significant difference in their health condition. According to all the experts the exercise need not be the old belief system of "no pain, no gain" exercise, it must just be simple and fun.

Government subsidized foundations henceforth to be responsible for government funds received

ORANJESTAD -- Minister of Social & Economic Affairs in her presentations to Parliament highlighted her management philosophy and sought approval for her ministerial budget. During her one hour long presentation, the minister, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, made reference to the changes and issues of most interest pertaining to her ministry.

Regarding social affairs, Winklaar-Hooyboer indicated that the government invests a large sum in paying salaries and operational costs of 39 different foundations on

the island. Regrettably, the subsidy arrangement is an antiquated arrangement. This ancient subsidy arrangement is one where the government contributes financially to these foundations without having any kind of influence in the management of these foundations. In essence, the government has absolutely no say or influence in how the funds that they provide to a foundation can or should be managed. What's more, many of these foundations don't even submit a yearly report of their operational activities so that the go-

vernment can have an analysis of how their funds were spent.

With this picture in view, the Minister proposed to Parliament that the existing protocol/regulation for receiving government subsidy be revised and make them more up to date to the actual situation of the island today.

The proposal entails that the government should no longer subsidize a foundation from which they can have no influence and no knowledge of their money management.

The minister sited one

classic example of the financial management of some foundations.

As example she referred to one foundation that chooses to meet at a restaurant for all of their press meetings. This undoubtedly increases their expenses so much so that they don't have the necessary funds to accomplish their mission in the community.

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Then, according to the minister, there are foundations that pay compensation for the use of one's auto, telephone, food and travel expenses, which in some cases are compensations much higher than is allotted to Ministers of government.

Following her presentation to Parliament, the minister is now set to inform all foundations who depend on the government for subsidy that the government is about to revise their management philosophy with respect to subsidies and inform them as to the new policy to be adopted by the government on this matter.

Obviously, the new policy has no reference, and will not apply to those foundations that do not depend on the government for subsidy or other forms of financial assistance.

The Minister indicated that she as Minister is continuously responsible to Parliament for all her actions and spending, but foundations that receive funds from the government is at no time responsible to the government or anyone, for that matter, for their actions and spending. This she contends is one of the discrepancies in our social management which must and will be changed shortly.

Winklaar-Hooyboer indicated that she will make every effort to eliminate any excessive red tape in the process of the accountability to be required of foundations. She proposed to Parliament that the government adopt the "output subsidie" system used in Holland.

In that system the government, in essence, buys the service of the foundation. The government is of the opinion that it would be much more prudent for the government to stipulate the annual subsidy based on all the expenses of a foundation, which should include salaries, investments, operational expenses and all other financial matters.

This total amount would then be paid out at the start of the year. At the end of the year the foundation would then be required to show how their funds were used.

CMB donates to Fundacion Respeto Bida



Recently during a special gathering, the Caribbean Mercantile Bank presented the Fundacion Respeto Bida, a donation for Afsl.10,000. The donation was accepted by the committee in charge of bringing the Anne Frank statue to Aruba, which will be placed in a memorial that will be unveiled this coming Sunday, June 12, World Tolerance Day.

The foundation's goal is to

instill awareness among citizens on the virtues of tolerance and co-existence. This campaign will be promulgated thru various forms of public media. CMB representatives expressed the bank is very proud to contribute to this cause.

Photo shows Msrs. Gwenan Boekhoudt, Martha Lichtenstein, Diana Pieters-Gonzalez and CMB GM Mr. Javier Wolter.

De Suikertuin, Tri-bike and the Dutch marines join hands

In a fundraising bike tour for Aruba's needy animals Restaurant De Suikertuin, Tribike and the Dutch marines are joining forces on June 26, 2011, when a fundraising bike trip will take place. Benefiting charity is the Animal Rights Aruba (ARA), which is targeting abused, maltreated and malnourished animals on the island.

With Willeke of De Suiker- tuin, Annemarie of Tri-bike and Geert of the Dutch marines behind the bike ride, it surely is going to be a lot of fun. Proceeds of the tour will go entirely to the ARA. The cost of participation will be AWG. 25-- per person.

Anyone interested in joining should register at De Suikertuin in the Wilhelmina- straat, get a bike or rent one at



Tri-bike and be at the Marinierskazerne in Savaneta at 7.30 am for an early, cool 8 am start. The ride will take participants along the north shore and an early lunch is eaten at the Fontein caves halfway. See you at the Marinierskazerne on June 26!

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Welcome committee Aileen, Mayrin and Shumika



Fito Croes with homeowners

Minister Dowers congratulated the partners of Gold Coast Villas for their arrival at this completion point of an ambitious project, which he described as "a distinct asset to Aruba's tourism product; the government supports you 100% in its realization and completion."

Beni Alajbegu, who along with his wife, Valdat, was the first homeowner to move into their villa at Gold Coast, was invited to share the honors

with Rudy of steering the bulldozer for the symbolic sunset ceremony. Afterwards, Minister Dowers toasted the Gold Coast team on this triumphant day;

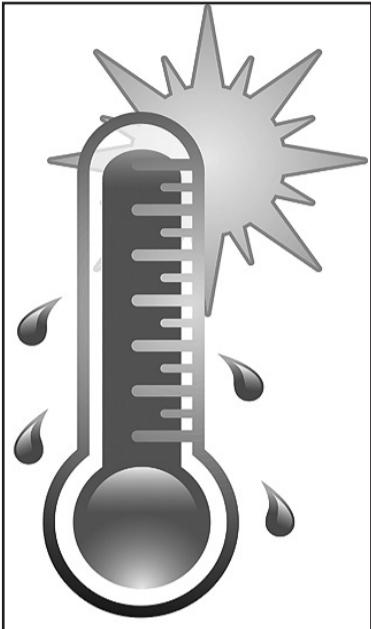
Mr. Croes, in closing, thanked his sales, construction and management teams, as well as Ed Malone, who runs the concierge and rental services, for their dedication and determination in seeing the project a success. He also ex-

pressed his heartfelt gratitude to the owners for their patience and support during the process of seeing the clubhouse become a reality, and reminded the gathering that "a project of this magnitude will always experience some delays; we are very pleased we can now deliver this facility which will substantially enhance the value of the individual properties."

by Rosalie Klein



Scenic view from the clubhouse

Sci-Tech**Say goodbye to cool summers: climate study**

PARIS, France (AFP) - By 2050, the coolest summers in the tropics and parts of the northern hemisphere will still be hotter than the most scorching summers since the mid-20th century if global warming continues apace, according to a new study.

Tropical regions in Africa, Asia and South America could see "the permanent emergence of unprecedented summer heat" even within the next decades, said the study, to be published later this month in the journal Climatic Change Letters.

Such dramatic changes in temperature would have a major impact on human health, food supplies and biodiversity, warn the researchers.

"Large areas of the globe are likely to warm up so quickly that, by the middle of this century, even the coolest summers will be hotter than the hottest summers of the past 50 years," said lead author Noah Diffenbaugh, a professor at Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment.

Scientists have long predicted that climate change driven by greenhouse gas emissions would cause more frequent heat waves, such as struck Europe in 2003, or the United States this week.

"That got us to thinking -- at what point can we expect the coolest seasonal temperatures to always be hotter than the historically highest temperatures for that season?" Diffenbaugh said in a statement.

To find out, he chose a basket of 50 climate models that accurately matched past increases and projected them into the future.

The analysis assumed a scenario of a "moderate" increase in heat-trapping carbon dioxide emissions as forecast by the UN's panel of climate scientists.

Many regions of the globe, they found to their surprise, can anticipate a "new normal" of summers that today would be classified a heatwave within a matter of decades.

The researchers also analysed historical data from weather stations around the world to see if the projected increase in temperatures had already begun.

"This extreme heat emergence is occurring now, and climate models represent the historical pattern remarkably well," Diffenbaugh said.

Results differed somewhat from region to region, with the tropics being hit earliest and hardest.

In the model, up to 70 percent of summer seasons from 2010 to 2039 exceeded the late-20th century maximum in the zones straddling the Equator.

Wide swaths of North America, China and Mediterranean Europe are also likely to enter a new "heat regime" by 2070, the study found.

Recent heat waves and their consequences provide a foretaste of the ways in which hotter summers can disrupt lives, the researchers cautioned.

The likelihood of out-of-control fires such as raged across Australia and Russia in 2009 and 2010 increases dramatically with higher temperatures. Likewise loss of life: the 2003 heatwave in Europe killed some 40,000 people.

A recent report by a consortium of agriculture experts shows that projected increases could devastate staple food crops in tropical regions where hundreds of millions of people are already mired in subsistence-level poverty.

The pace of species loss is also projected to gather pace as persistently hotter climate kicks in.

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File photo of a Jersey cow. (Jerseys, are a breed of small dairy cattle. Originally bred in the Channel Island of Jersey, the breed is popular for the high butterfat content of its milk and the lower maintenance costs attending its lower bodyweight, as well as its genial disposition).

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - An Argentine laboratory announced this past week that it

EU sets up anti-hacker team of IT security experts

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The EU said Friday it has set up a new anti-hacker team of cyber fire-fighters after a string of recent attacks, one of which saw 30 million euros' worth of carbon credits stolen.

The 10-strong team of IT security experts will guard against repeats of attacks on sensitive information, for example on the eurozone debt crisis, such as occurred on the eve of the last summit of national leaders in March.

Trading on the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme was frozen on January 19 after computer hackers stole two million certificates from national registries, the thieves then selling the credits.

Another halt was ordered in trading in numerous countries last year after "phishing" emails tricked users into divulging their passwords.

had created the world's first transgenic cow, using human genes that will allow the animal to produce the equivalent of mothers' milk.

"The cloned cow, named Rosita ISA, is the first bovine born in the world that incorporates human genes that contain the proteins present in human milk," Argentina's National Institute of Agrobusiness Technology said in a statement.

Rosita ISA was born on April 6 by Cesarian because she weighed more than 45 kilos (99 pounds), about twice the normal weight of Jersey cows, according to the

statement.

As an adult, "the cow will produce milk that is similar to humans," the statement said.

"Our goal was to raise the nutritional value of cows' milk by adding two human genes, the protein lactoferrin, which provides infants with anti-bacterial and anti-viral protection, and lysozyme, which is also an anti-bacterial agent," said researcher Adrian Mutto at a press conference.

The cloning was a joint effort between the Argentine institute and the country's National University of San Martin.

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Health & Living

German bean sprouts 'source of E. coli outbreak'

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) — Germany blamed vegetable sprouts on Friday for a bacteria outbreak that has killed at least 33, left some 3,000 ill and cost farmers across Europe hundreds of millions in lost sales.

After a weeks-long hunt for the elusive source of the contamination, German officials said they were confident they had found the origin.

"It's the sprouts," Reinhard Burger, the president of the Robert Koch Institute, the national disease centre, told a news conference on the outbreak of enterohaemorrhagic E. coli (EHEC) in northern Germany.

"People who ate sprouts were found to be nine times more likely to have bloody diarrhoea or other signs of

EHEC infection than those who did not," he said, citing a study of more than 100 people who fell ill after dining in restaurants.

Test results on a packet of vegetable sprouts recovered from the garbage can of two sick people living in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia later provided the first direct trail evidence for the virulent bacteria.

The sprouts, which showed traces of the EHEC strain 0104, were grown at a farm in the northern village of Bienenbüttel on which suspicion had fallen last weekend. The farm has been closed and all its products recalled.

The government had earlier lifted a warning against eating raw tomatoes, lettuce and cucumbers which had

dealt a stinging blow to farmers at the peak of the fresh produce season in Europe.

"This is a good sign for consumers because we now have more clarity," Health Minister Daniel Bahr told reporters, as he defended the government's crisis management against criticism from the opposition and abroad.

"We are pretty relieved," Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Minister Ilse Aigner added at the joint news conference, in comments echoed by the German farmers' association.

All 33 confirmed fatalities, three of which were reported Friday, have been in Germany except for one woman who died in Sweden after visiting Germany.

Dengue vaccine could be ready by 2015

BANGKOK, Thailand (AFP) — French drugs group Sanofi said Friday that its vaccine against dengue, a mosquito-borne infection that kills thousands of people around the world each year, could be launched in about four years.

"The vaccine could be available... around 2015," Jean Lang, head of vaccine development at the group's subsidiary Sanofi-Pasteur, told reporters in Bangkok.

The launch date is dependent on regulatory approval in each country based on the results of trials.

The vaccine is the first for dengue to undergo advanced "Phase III" clinical trials -- the final stage before the results are submitted for regulatory approval.

About 4,000 children in the central Thai province of

Ratchaburi, one of the worst affected areas in the country, are participating in a study that aims to establish the efficacy of the vaccine.

Dengue causes severe, flu-like symptoms in about 50 million people every year, mainly in developing coun-

tries. There are four strains, one of which is a potentially lethal type.

Dengue has reemerged in recent years as a serious public health threat in tropical regions. There is currently no treatment, cure or vaccine.

First aid:

Cuts and scrapes

Minor cuts and scrapes usually don't require a trip to the emergency room. Yet proper care is essential to avoid infection or other complications. These guidelines can help you care for simple wounds:

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2. Clean the wound. Rinse out the wound with clear water.
3. Apply an antibiotic. After you clean the wound, apply a thin layer of an antibiotic cream or ointment.
4. Cover the wound. Bandages can help keep the wound clean and keep harmful bacteria out.
5. Change the dressing. Change the dressing at least daily or whenever it becomes wet or dirty.
6. Get stitches for deep wounds.
7. Watch for signs of infection. See your doctor if the wound isn't healing or you notice any redness, increasing pain, drainage, warmth or swelling.
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US woman gets face transplant after mauling

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A US mother who was mauled by a frenzied chimp more than two years ago has been given a full face transplant, doctors said on Friday.

The patient, Charla Nash, also had two hand transplants but those operations were not successful and the hands had to be removed, said surgeons at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

"The hand transplants turned out to be very challenging," said plastic surgeon Bohdan Pomahac who led the team of physicians, nurses and anesthesiologists on the US hospital's second full face transplant.

"A few days post operatively Charla developed pneumonia and she became septic," said Pomahac.

"After several days of doing everything possible to maintain the hands it was clear they were not thriving, so we removed the hands."

The same hospital earlier this year performed its first full face transplant on a man named Dallas Wiens, who lost his face and eyesight in an electrical accident.

Nash's full face transplant "was very different," said Pomahac. "She required significantly more work."

In the attack, Nash lost her



Dr. Bohdan Pomahac

eyes, nose, upper jaw and lips and most of the soft tissue in her face, he said.

Nash did not appear at the press conference and doctors declined to reveal any information about the donor to protect the family's privacy.

She is expected to gain muscle control over her new face over the coming weeks and months, however she is not likely to be able to see again.

The hospital said it would be several months before any images are released, and that she would not resemble the donor because the muscles and tissue would form to her own bone structure.

Nash's brother Steve described her as "simply beautiful," and doctors said she hoped to attend her daughter Briana's college graduation, after skipping her high school ceremony for fear of drawing too much attention.

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Inaugural Carrubian Festival in San Nicolas- It's a hit!



Minister of Finance Mike de Meza and Ruben Trappenberg



Tourists learn to dance the Aruban way

the first Carubian Festival, which will be a regular weekly event.

tions of their original homelands; traditions which their progeny born on Aruba have maintained through the decades.

The center of activities is a stage area where the audience can relax at tables to enjoy a diversity of cuisines from the region and a parade of local entertainers. San Nicolas was where most of the migrant population

was hilarious in 2 languages, as he switched effortlessly back and forth between English and Papiamento.

Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, was joined by Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture and Parliamentarian Lorna Varlack in expressing to principal organizer Antoni Gario their extreme satisfaction with the overwhelming re-



Handicrafts for sale

sponse to this first Carubian Festival; those attending were equally enthusiastic about the ambiance and offerings as they learned about Aruba and the many nationalities that comprise its population.

by Rosalie Klein



Mr and Mrs Harris from New York try local food

Thousands of islanders and tourists thronged the San Nicolas main street on Thursday evening, June 9, to discover the multicultural charms of Aruba's "Sunrise City," during

which came to work in the refinery during the 30's and 40's settled, bringing with them the distinctive food, music, dance and cultural tradi-

The main street is closed to traffic, becoming a pedestrian mall filled with colorful booths selling native dishes, handicrafts, logo souvenirs, and there are fun activities for all the family.

The opening night show included some of the island's most popular performers and noted comedian Vale Croes, who



Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar, Parliamentarian Varlack, Antoni Gario, and Minister Oduber and spouse



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96 Hours with Professor of Experimental Film at NYU, Darrell Wilson

THE MORNING NEWS spent 3 hours talking with Professor Darrell Wilson of NYU, who arrived on Wednesday to prepare for the master class he will teach beginning this morning titled 96 HOURS; an addition to the second edition of the Aruba International Film Festival which opens tonight with Kim Cattrell walking the Red Carpet for the debut of her film "Meet Monica Velour."

Professor Wilson is a film/video artist and sculptor whose work has been exhibited at The Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, The Collective for the Living Cinema & The Museum of the Moving Image in New York City, The Cinematheque in Montreal, Gallerie Maximilien Guillot in Paris and various independent film festivals and galleries throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. He has also worked as production designer and artistic consultant for numerous independent film and video productions; presently he teaches two Experimental Film Production Workshops and Digital Frame and Sequence at Tisch School of the Arts, New York University.

The 4 day class will require students to create 3 very short films (1 to 3 minutes at the most) which will be screened at the AIFF. Here are some insights of this more than 20 year veteran of experimental filmmaking:

TMN: In a time where it appears almost everything has been done in film, what can you advise aspiring filmmakers taking your class?

DW: I think the biggest mistake is to not take a leap of faith; to really explore all the options and try to create something original as possible. I think sometimes young people are afraid to do that because there is so much work out there and it is so easy to be influenced. However, I think some of the best work is the work that has dared to take a chance creatively.

TMN: After all this time and all that is out there, is it a battle to not be influenced by everything they see?

DW: If they think about it as making art, then they can produce something original. If they are thinking it as an entertainment product, which is not a problem if one wants to choose that path, but usually that requires the kind of work that seems to be most success-

ful financially, but doesn't mean it is the best work, creatively.

TMN: Isn't it a frustration for filmmakers that want to produce something creative and meaningful, but today's audiences, for the most part, only want fantasy and entertainment, so they don't get the popular support at the box office they need for making the kind of meaningful films they would like?

DW: I think a lot of filmmakers who started out in the last 15 years as independent have found it difficult to move on from there and chosen to make more commercially successful work. I do think, because it is so available, the Internet has helped young people to explore and work with new concepts in film. It has always been a great playground for innovative and creative young people. It also offers exposure to the public they are not going to get at theaters.

I worked with a group of boys at a juvenile detention center in Newark, NJ, and we do a lot of work which would not have been able to happen years ago; they asked if they could put it on YouTube, and I am all for that. There is so much happening there, and you don't need a fortune to do good work.

TMN: Isn't the net also a detriment to measuring box office success, as so much can easily be seen online within days of their premiere? Won't this make life difficult for those seeking financing?

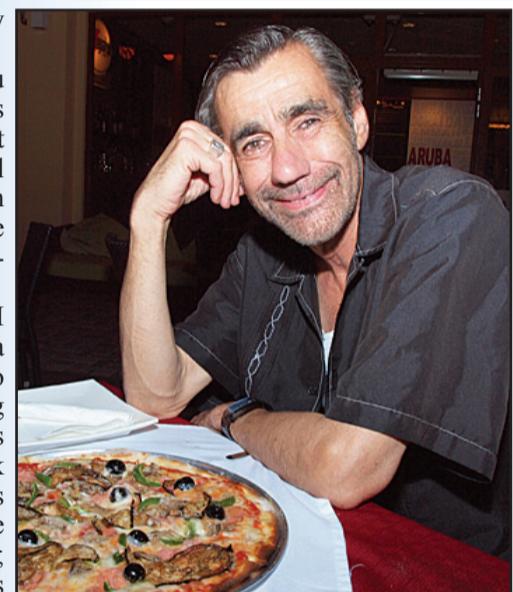
DW: This is true, but I think there is still nothing like going to the big theater and buying your popcorn and really immersing yourself in the experience. Make no mistake, it still is an experience, it is not just about seeing, it is about every thing possible in this

world created by the film.

TMN: Do you agree that film is the definitive art form, which is still evolving with technology, of the 20th and 21st century?

DW: OH YEAH! It is a shame, but who looks at painting and sculpture as much as we look at film? It seems most everyone knows about film; who really knows about painting and sculpture? It has also gone beyond entertainment to the masses as an art form in galleries. This has been reinforced by galleries acknowledging film art, something that would interest private collectors and museums; they are buying the film as an object, rather than an event or an experience—it is a whole new aesthetic. I just attended a show by Robert Wilson consisting of well known actors and actresses doing something for a minute and it was played on a loop on vertical monitors so you could see their entire bodies. They were selling for something like \$35,000 each; I really know quite what to think about that.

Master Classes with Pro-



Darrell Wilson contemplates an artfully prepared pizza at Segafredo

essor Wilson began this morning at 9:00 AM in the Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Resort for students ages 15 and over; enrollment is limited, but there are a few places left. Students are advised to please bring their video cameras if they have one; if not, they will be shared. A laptop computer will also be valuable for editing the work. To enroll, AIFF at Paseo Herencia offices, at 586-7450 or email info@aiff.aw, subject: Filmlab. Enrollment information is also available at the INFO-POINT STORE at Paseo Herencia, next to Mokas.

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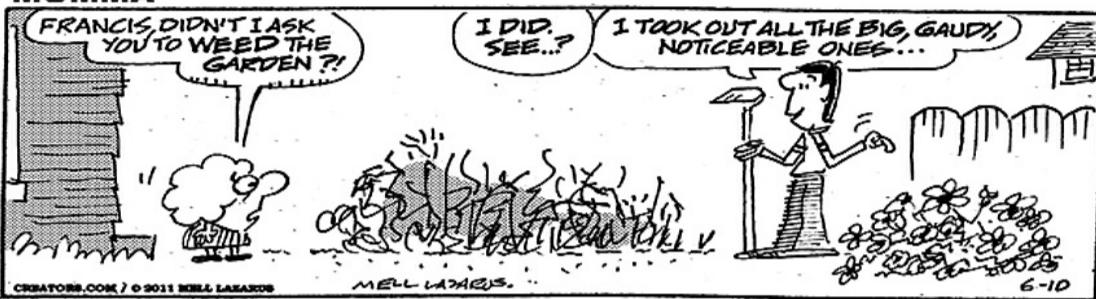
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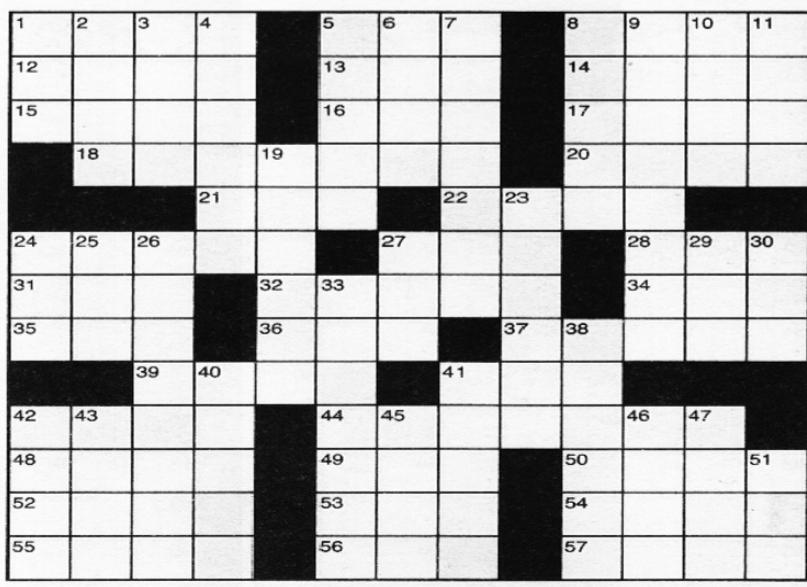
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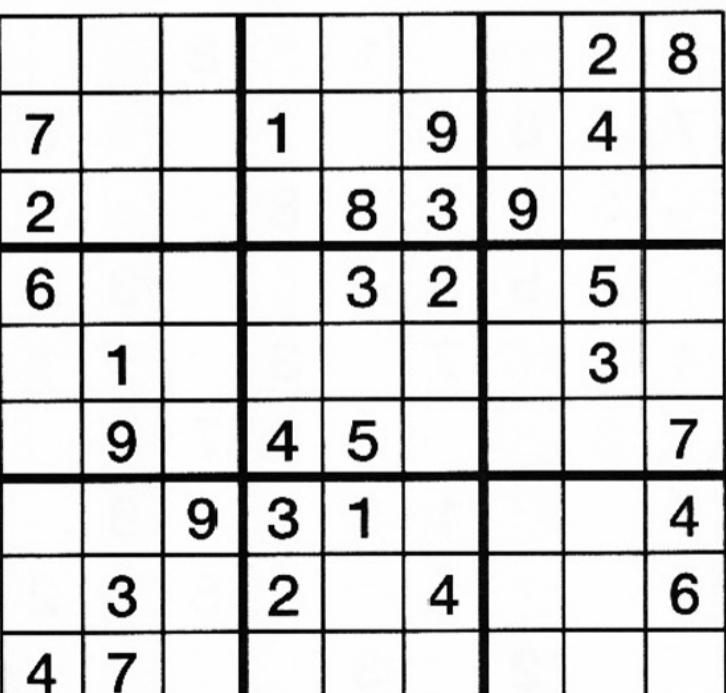


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Finance

Iceland told to repay British, Dutch governments on Icesave

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - European trading watchdogs on Friday gave Iceland three months to repay the British and Dutch governments for compensation they gave to depositors in failed bank Icesave.

"Iceland is obliged to ensure payment of the minimum compensation to Icesave depositors in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands," said a statement on the website of the Belgium-based European Free Trade Area (EFTA) surveillance authority.

According to a legal requirement under the treaty governing relations across the European Economic Area,

which adds Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein to the 27-state European Union single market, Reykjavik cannot escape minimum compensation payments.

"Iceland was obliged to guarantee 20,000 euros per depositor after Landsbanki and its Dutch and British branches, called Icesave, collapsed in October 2008," the authority said in an opinion sent to the Icelandic government.

"By leaving the depositors in Icesave's Dutch and UK branches without that minimum guarantee, Iceland acted in breach of the directive," it said.

Iceland saw all its major

banks go belly-up in the financial crisis at the end of 2008.

Britain and the Netherlands dished out a total of 3.9 billion euros (\$5.5 billion) to reimburse some 340,000 of their citizens hit by the collapse of Icesave.

On April 9, about 60 percent of voters in a referendum rejected the Icesave deal approved by the government and parliament, just over a year after more than 93 percent of voters turned down a previous plan, in March 2010.

Should Iceland not comply, the authority said it would "need to consider taking the case to the EFTA court."

US 'concerned' about China business practices in Africa

LUSAKA, China (AFP) - US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton urged African countries to lift trade barriers with the United States here Friday and voiced concern about China's aid and investment practices in Africa.

The first US chief diplomat to visit Zambia since 1976, Clinton attended annual talks over a US preferential trade deal at a time when China has overtaken the United States as Africa's top trading partner.

"China's presence in Africa reflects the reality that it has important and growing interests here on the continent," Clinton said during a press conference with Zambian President Rupiah Banda.

"The United States does

not see these interests inherently incompatible with our own interests. We do not see China's rise as a zero-sum game. We hope that it will become successful in its economic efforts," she said.

"We are, however concerned that China's foreign assistance and investment practices in Africa have not always been consistent with generally accepted international norms of transparency and good governance," she added.

She said the United States has begun a dialogue with China on its activities in Africa.

Some African nations have leaned toward China because Beijing makes no demands on human rights or democracy.

"Generally speaking, I think the Chinese have been more aggressive in terms of trade into the region," said Mupelwa Sichilima, of Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies, a South African think-tank.

But Sichilima said that in practice, other restrictions hinder African trade with both the United States and China -- mainly practical considerations like safety standards for food products.

"China is just an alternative market that has come on board, but it doesn't mean it will swallow everything from Africa."

China-African trade soared more than 40 percent last year to \$126.9 billion.



GODEWAERSVELDE: Picture taken on June 10, 2011 of a wheat ear hit by drought in a field in Godewaersvelde, northern France, as over half of France's administrative departments have imposed water restrictions on part or all of their territory. April in France was the second warmest since 1900, and the month was the warmest on record in Britain, according to national weather agencies.

AFP News

Oil prices drop as OPEC warns on weak demand

NEW YORK, (AFP) - Oil prices dropped sharply Friday, with New York's benchmark heading below the \$100 line, wiping out gains earlier this week made after OPEC resisted raising output quotas.

WTI light sweet crude for July delivery fell \$2.64 in New York trade to \$99.29 a barrel.

In London the Brent North Sea contract for July lost 79 cents to \$118.78 dollars.

The market was still trying to read the future from this week's apparently confrontational meeting of the OPEC, where a Saudi push for higher production to moderate price increase was rebuffed by Iran and its allies.

The first reaction of the market was that supplies would tighten and prices immediately pushed up.

But prices retreated heading

into the weekend following OPEC's demand warning Friday. "Should higher international oil prices persist, then this might... put more weight on the downward risk" to global oil demand, by stagnated economic growth.

"This risk might be translated into a reduction of current growth by 200,000 barrels per day (bpd)," OPEC said in its latest monthly oil market report.

The market was debating whether the cartel, which controls about 40 percent of global output was likely to hold together around its 24.84 million barrels per day (bpd) target.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Inocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals



Keeshi Yena with plantains & vegetables

The Facebook page adds an element of competition, allowing the student households to compare how their recycling efforts are going. The project targets students because research has shown that people aged between 18 and 34 recycle less than other age groups.

Scientists said initial results indicated the experiment was a success. Early images showed pizza boxes, beer cans and other rubbish that could have been recycled, they said.

But after two weeks, the experiment showed that the bin is emptied less frequently

as less rubbish is thrown away and more is recycled.

"The students said they felt like the bin was watching them and that it definitely made them think twice about what they were throwing away," said Anja Thieme, a postgraduate computer science student who is leading the project.

"By taking a photograph and uploading it to Facebook, the idea is that we create a platform for self-reflection -- a permanent reminder. It's a bit like having your conscience sat on your shoulder niggling away at you."

Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerp pong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships,

they regularly carry all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 am., weekends at 4:00



Bin cameras encourage students to recycle

LONDON, England (AFP) – University students are being encouraged to change their ways and recycle through a project in which tiny cameras are fitted into bins.

Scientists at Newcastle University, in northeast England, said that the "BinCams" had been placed in kitchen bins in five households.

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Airline spokesperson: German passenger strips naked on flight



MADRID, Spain (AFP) — A German passenger stripped naked on an Iberia flight from Madrid to Frankfurt, forcing the pilot to turn the plane around so he could be removed, the airline said Friday.

"A German passenger took all his clothes off on the plane," on Thursday night, an Iberia spokeswoman said.

"Staff on board tried to dissuade him but he became aggressive and finally locked himself in the toilet. The pilot then decided to turn around and land in Madrid."

Once on the ground, police came on board and

"took him away," the spokeswoman said. She said the airline has "no idea" why the man, who was not identified, decided to do what he did.

The passenger cooperated immediately when Guardia Civil police arrived and he was not arrested, said police spokesman Angel Blanco.

The Iberia pilot filed a complaint saying the passenger refused to obey crew instructions to sit down during the flight and then started shouting. But the complaint did not mention him stripping naked.

Police said the man was not drunk and they had no explanation for his behaviour.

Rival champs face Belmont endurance test



Animal Kingdom

NEW YORK, (AFP) - Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom is a slight favourite over Nehro and Preakness winner Shackleford for Saturday's 143rd Belmont Stakes, a gruelling 1 1/2-mile endurance test of a horse race.

Bookmakers like Animal Kingdom by 2-1 with Derby runner-up Nehro at 4-1 and Shackleford, the outside starter in a field of 12, at 9-2 in the last event of the American flat racing Triple Crown series.

"Obviously going a mile and a half, the most important thing is to save as much as you can for the last quarter of a mile," said Animal Kingdom jockey John Velazquez, who won the 2007 Belmont aboard Rags to Riches.

Animal Kingdom, who starts in the ninth gate, was foiled in a bid to become the first horse to sweep the Triple Crown races since Affirmed in 1978 when Shackleford edged the colt by half a length in the shortest race of the treble.

Shackleford trainer Dale Romans has no worry that starting from the outside will be a great setback over such a distance after watching jockey Jesus Castanon ride his horse to a wire-to-wire Preakness victory.

"In a mile-and-a-half race, the post position isn't that important," Romans said. "With number 12, he'll be the last one in and the first one out. Hopefully, he'll be able to clear the field."

"Being there, it will prob-

ably make us send a little bit more. Everybody expects us to be on the lead, and we expect to be on the lead. He's fast enough that he'll be able to break and clear everyone anyway."

"(Animal Kingdom) never got past us on the gallop out and he never looked like he was going past us."

Velazquez hopes Shackleford goes for another start-to-finish victory.

"The Belmont will be a completely different race, so if he tries something like that, good luck to him," Velazquez said.

"I think at a mile and a half, Animal Kingdom is going to be closing like he did in the Derby."

Graham Motion, Animal Kingdom's British-born trainer, sees the outside starting spot as a significant disadvantage.

"The 12 is right near the grandstand and I'm happy he is in the 12. It will make him work a little bit," Motion said.

"It's going to be a tactical race, no doubt about it."

Affirmed co-owner Patrice Jacobs Wolfston hinted that the reason no horse since hers a third of a century ago has swept the Triple Crown is because the animals are pampered too much.

"I believe horses were tougher back then. Three to four weeks (between races) was a long time," she said. "Racing has changed. In some ways, maybe for the better. In other ways, maybe not."

In the first match-up of Derby and Preakness winners at the Belmont since 2005, Animal Kingdom will try to become only the 12th horse to win the Belmont and the Derby, the first since Thunder Gulch in 1995.

Monzon, a 30-1 longshot, is the first Triple Crown entry for Sagamore Farms since 1953, when Native Dancer took the Preakness and Belmont and finished second in the Derby.

Others in the field include Master of Hounds, Stay Thirsty, Ruler On Ice, Santiva, Brilliant Speed, Prime Cut, Isn't He Perfect and Mucho Macho Man.



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Tsonga shocks Nadal to reach Queen's semis



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France celebrates during his match against Spain's Rafael Nadal

LONDON (AFP) - World number one Rafael Nadal crashed out of Queen's on Friday when French fifth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga pulled off a shock 6-7 (3/7), 6-4, 6-1 win in the quarter-finals.

Nadal arrived at the Wimbledon warm-up event admitting he felt exhausted in the aftermath of his record-equalling sixth triumph at the French Open.

Despite his tiredness this was still a major blow for the Spaniard, who had reached seven successive finals before this defeat, and it leaves him short of game time on grass ahead of the defence of his Wimbledon title later this month.

"After losing the second set, mentally I lost my concentration. It has been a lot of matches in a row and after that break in the third set it was a mountain for me to come back," said Nadal.

Tsonga added: "The first time I reached the world top 100 was here at Queen's and today I have beaten the world number one. It was close to my best tennis -- it has to be to beat Rafa."

The match wasn't even two games old when a light shower

forced the players off court, but they returned within half an hour to slug it out in a gruelling first set.

Nadal had been below his best in a three-set win against Radek Stepanek in the previous round and Tsonga provided an even greater threat than the Czech veteran.

Tsonga was a picture of joy as he danced on the court in celebration of only his second career win over Nadal, a triumph that sets up a semi-final against British wildcard James Ward.

Andy Roddick kept his bid for a record fifth Queen's title on course as the American set up a semi-final clash with Andy Murray after beating Spain's Fernando Verdasco 6-2, 6-2.

World number four Murray reached the semi-finals after his last-eight opponent Marin Cilic was forced to pull out before the match due to an ankle injury.

Murray was joined in the semi-finals by his compatriot Ward as the British number two enjoyed a superb double success.

Ward, ranked 216th, started the day by ending Sam Querrey's reign as Queen's champion as he won the final set of their rain-delayed third-round match to clinch a shock 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory.

The 24-year-old son of a London taxi driver had to return just hours later for his quarter-final clash against France's Adrian Mannarino.

But Ward showed no signs of tiredness as he recovered from wasting seven match points in the second set to win 6-2, 6-7 (14/16), 6-4.

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Mexicans launch doping probe, plead 'accident'

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Five Mexican footballers who were suspended from the Gold Cup for doping after testing positive for the banned substance clenbuterol were flown to Los Angeles on Friday for more tests.

Mexico won 5-0 over Cuba on Thursday after opening last Sunday with a 5-0 rout of El Salvador, a result

that could be protested in the wake of doping positives revealed Thursday from a May 21 test during Mexico's training camp.

Goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa, defenders Francisco Rodriguez and Edgar Duenas and midfielders Antonio "Sinha" Naelson and Christian Bermudez tested positive for the banned muscle-building drug.

The defending champion Mexicans, who complete group play Sunday at Chicago against Costa Rica, are among 12 CONCACAF nations competing for the North American crown and a berth in the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup.

Mexican national team director Hector Inarritu brought the players to Los Angeles for further tests at the UCLA doping laboratory even as officials investigate the team's claims that eating tainted beef and chicken caused the positive tests.

"This is an accident," Inarritu said in a posting on the CONCACAF website.

"We will wait for all the results and see what the department of agriculture in Mexico finds in the meat that we used."

Dallas' comeback kids closing in on NBA crown



MIAMI (AFP) - Just 10 days after shooting a playoff low 37.3 percent in game one, Dallas rained three point bombs down on Miami in game five and are just one victory away from their first NBA championship.

"It's the first one to win four," Mavericks Jason Terry said. "We have our opportunity in game six. We must go out, play aggressively and take advantage of our opportunity."

Dallas shot the lights out in game five Thursday never letting the Heat get out of reach

six on Sunday in south Florida.

"We have to go down there (Miami) and basically approach Sunday's game as game seven," said Terry, who scored three from beyond the arc Thursday.

"We want to play like there's no tomorrow. If we do that, I have no doubt in my mind we can be successful. We must come out aggressively."

Dallas beat the Heat in stunning fashion Thursday as Terry scored eight of the Mavericks final 17 points in a 112-103 win in front of a crowd of 20,433 at the American Airlines Center arena.

They need one more win for the first NBA title in their 31-year history, but they will have to win at least one game of two in Miami.

Of the 26 times the finals have been tied 2-2, the winner of game five has gone on to win the series 19 times.

"Everything will fall into place if we find a way to win," said Mavericks guard Jason Kidd. "We know how to win on the road. We have to find a way to do it Sunday."

Talks held with five teams about LA move - report

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Billionaire Philip Anschutz is ready to purchase an NFL club and relocate the team to his proposed downtown Los Angeles stadium, one of his top executives told the Orange County Register.

In a Friday report on the newspaper's website, AEG president Tim Leiweke said Anschutz has spoken with officials from the Minnesota Vikings, St. Louis Rams, Jacksonville Jaguars, Oakland Raiders and San Diego Chargers about buying a majority

interest and moving the club. Leiweke said AEG is willing to pay whatever is needed for an existing team to escape its current stadium lease and move to Los Angeles, the former home of both the Rams and Raiders in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Leiweke said the \$1.35 billion stadium project, planned 72,000-seat Farmers Field, plus a renovation of the Los Angeles Convention Center would create \$45 million in new annual taxes for the city.

MLB Standings

American League

	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	35	26	.574	--	
NY YANKEES	33	26	.559	1.0	
TAMPA	33	29	.532	2.5	
TORONTO	32	30	.516	3.5	
BALTIMORE	29	31	.483	5.5	
Central					
CLEVELAND	34	26	.567	--	
DETROIT	33	28	.541	1.5	
CHICAGO	30	34	.469	6.0	
KANSAS	26	36	.419	9.0	
MINNESOTA	23	38	.377	11.5	
West					
TEXAS	35	28	.556	--	
SEATTLE	32	30	.516	2.5	
LA ANGELES	30	34	.469	5.5	
OAKLAND	27	36	.429	8.0	

National League

East

PHILADELPHIA	37	25	.597	--
ATLANTA	34	28	.548	3.0
FLORIDA	31	29	.517	5.0
NY METS	29	32	.475	7.5
WASHINGTON	27	35	.435	10.0

Central

ST. LOUIS	37	26	.587	--
MILWAUKEE	35	27	.565	1.5
CINCINNATI	32	31	.508	5.0
PITTSBURG	30	30	.500	5.5
CHICAGO	24	36	.400	11.5
HOUSTON	24	38	.387	12.5

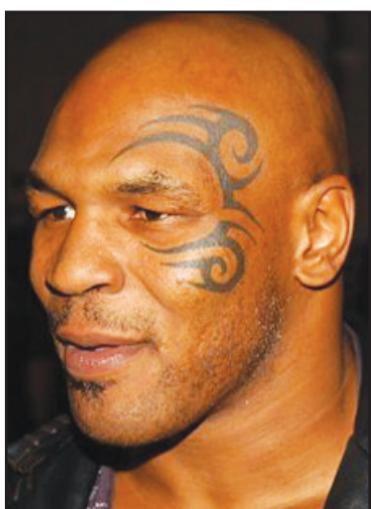
West

SAN FRANCISCO	35	27	.565	--
ARIZONA	33	29	.532	2.0
COLORADO	29	32	.475	5.5
LA DODGERS	29	34	.460	6.5
SAN DIEGO	28	35	.444	7.5

Irons died of heart failure - autopsy

HONOLULU (AFP) - Surfing great Andy Irons died from a heart attack in a Dallas-area hotel room in November. Irons's family released the autopsy results, which found the three-time world champion from Hawaii died from sudden cardiac arrest due to severe blockage of a main artery. The official autopsy report, prepared by Tarrant County Chief Medical Examiner Nizam Peerwani, also lists "acute mixed drug ingestion" as a secondary cause, although Irons's family disputes that finding. According to the autopsy, the anti-anxiety medication Xanax, methadone, cocaine and a trace amount of methamphetamine were found in the surfer's system. The family said in a statement that Irons was prescribed Xanax and the sleep aid Zolpidem to treat anxiety and occasional insomnia that he experienced as a result of bipolar disorder. Irons, who was 32 when he died, may also have self-medicated with recreational drugs as he attempted to battle mood swings, according to his relatives.

Tyson set for Hall of Fame induction



CANASTOTA (AFP) - Mike Tyson, whose legendary tale of punishing power and meteoric rise ended in an epic fall from grace, will be among the legends inducted Sunday into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

Tyson, three weeks shy of his 45th birthday, became the youngest heavyweight champion in boxing history in 1986 at age 20 and finished with a record of 50-6 with 44 knockouts, personifying at times the best and worst of the sport.

"I am honored," Tyson said. "The sport of boxing has given me so much and it is truly a blessing to be acknowledged alongside other boxing legends because they paved the way for me, as I hope I have inspired others."

Mexican legend Julio Cesar Chavez, Russian-born Australian Kostya Tszyu, Mexican trainer Ignacio "Nacho" Beristain, referee Joe Cortez and Hollywood star Sylvester Stallone, movie boxer "Rocky", were also honored.

But none of them could match the levels Tyson reached as a global sports icon, especially in his younger days after escaping the mean streets of Brooklyn

and finding riches by pounding opponents with first-round knockouts.

The downfall of "Iron Mike" began in 1990 at Tokyo when the undisputed champion suffered the first loss of his career, a 10th-round knockout at the hands of James "Buster" Douglas in one of the most shocking upsets in sport.

In 1992, Tyson was convicted of raping a beauty queen at a pageant in Indianapolis, Indiana. He served three years of a six-year sentence before his release in 1995, steadfastly denying he raped the woman.

Tyson reclaimed the heavyweight throne but lost to Evander Holyfield in 1996 and in a 1997 rematch infamously bit Holyfield's ears twice, serving a year's banishment in exile for the move.

Despite substance abuse and serving jail time for assault, Tyson made one final run at boxing supremacy, but in his last world title fight he was knocked out in the eighth round by Britain's Lennox Lewis at Memphis, Tennessee.

Tyson filed for bankruptcy in 2003 and retired after losses to Britain's Danny Williams in 2004 and American Kevin McBride in 2005.

Tyson quit after six rounds in his final fight, finishing his last round sitting on the canvas.

"I don't have the stomach for this," Tyson said. "I don't have that ferocity. I'm not an animal anymore."

Outrageous and controversial remarks were Tyson's stock and trade, but a kinder, gentler Tyson has emerged since then, appearing in "The Hangover" films and in reality television shows exploring his love of training birds.

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India target Windies series triumph

NORTH SOUND (AFP) - India will look to take an unbeatable lead in their one-day international series against the West Indies when the third match is played today at the Vivian Richards Cricket Ground.

India hold a 2-0 lead in the series, following a four-wicket victory in the first match last Monday at the

Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad, where they also won the second match by seven wickets two days later.

The visitors have been the superior side in both matches, reaffirming their recently attained status as world champions of the format.

All of India's top-order batsmen - except their captain

Suresh Raina - have scored a half-century in the preceding two matches.

There are also few or no concerns with their bowling, with the spin bowlers in the frontline either tying down the West Indies' batsmen, or taking their wickets without too much serious damage.

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